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### ***Commissioner Ron Stiver holds Employer Forum to receive feedback from local business community***

*Indiana Department of Workforce Development Commissioner holds Ft. Wayne Employer Forum*

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Ronald Stiver, Commissioner for the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (IDWD), held the first in a series of regional Employer Forums to outline the new objectives for the department, as well as obtain feedback on the state's workforce initiatives and current programs.

The Ft. Wayne forum, held in partnership with the Ft. Wayne Chamber of Commerce, is an opportunity for the Department of Workforce Development to receive feedback from its business clientele regarding the unemployment insurance process, employer workforce and training needs and ways that IDWD can better serve Hoosier businesses.

IDWD is committed to growing Hoosier employment, growing personal income and providing premier customer service. Feedback from these forums will be utilized in creating more customer-based services and more user-friendly processes.

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies to create new jobs and improve employee skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, partners with Indiana's 27 WorkOne Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates the a statewide job placement service. For more information on DWD and its programs, call 888-465-4616 or visit the web site at [www.workforce.IN.gov](http://www.workforce.IN.gov).

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